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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62115

Hitoshi ISHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/729,195

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 6703

Examiner: M. YAMNITZKY

Filed: December 5, 2000

For: ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 24, 2002 and the Advisory Actions dated January 7 and 23, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a one-month extension of time are being concurrently filed, extending the time for response following the Notice of Appeal filing on December 23, 2002 to March 24, 2003 (March 23, 2003 being a Sunday).

With respect to the Examiner's statements concerning the claim language "R₆ is a hydrocarbon based substituent" in new claims 26-28, said language is present in Applicants' specification, as originally filed, for example at page 15, line 23, thus does not raise any issues of "new matter." Additionally, one of ordinary skill in the

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art would understand the scope of such language. Therefore, Applicants' amendment does not raise any issued under §112, first or second, paragraph.

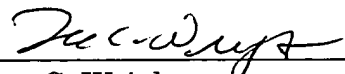
As for the Examiner's criticism of the §132 Declaration, it appears that some of the Examiner's comments relate to the claims as pending prior to the Amendment filed December 23, 2002 (the claims "finally rejected"). In view of the concurrently filed RCE and in view of the entry of the amendments filed December 23, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the §132 Declaration.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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